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ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL
SCHOOL OF NURSING
ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA



What a wealth of living this place has known—for three long years we called it home.

From the outside one may see our nurses home as ordinary brick walls and curtained windows, but to those who live within it is more than just a building—"it is a home away from home."

It is the security of friendship, laughter in the gym, whispers in the library, high excitement on Prom nights, and quiet, lonely halls over a holiday weekend. Here we learn to live with many and respect the individual—all types of temperament and personality with one goal under one roof. Girls who formerly were strangers live and work together, learn to know one another and become lasting friends.

It is studying "Skeleton Sam", listening intently to doctors lectures, taking notes and reviewing together for tests. All the while the appetizing aroma of fried chicken from the D. K. Lab. and the rancid odor of sulphur dioxide seeping under the Chemistry Lab. door remind us of days gone by and classes that have terminated for our group.

It is waiting for mail, counting permissions before planning a date, Student body meetings on Wednesday and tiptoeing thru the halls for a midnight "gab-fest."

It is the comfort of Mrs. Owens' "Goodnight, dear" and the rude awakening of "Hurry-up, it's 10 minutes to 7." Mrs. Reagan's approval of your new dress and the many times we've said, "Thanks, Miss Keller."

It's a soft bed and a quiet room that awaits you when you come from working night duty, or the rollicking fun 20 girls in one room can produce.

It is knowing that you have someone to turn to, Sister Rose Evelyn, down to your probie roommate—no matter what the problem.

These are only a few of the remembrances stamped in our book of memories making our "home away from home."

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FOREWORD



We, the entire staff of the 1955 Vigil, present this manual of precious memories with the greatest pride.

From September 1954 to September 1955, we have worked together in an effort to comprise the book you now hold in your hands.

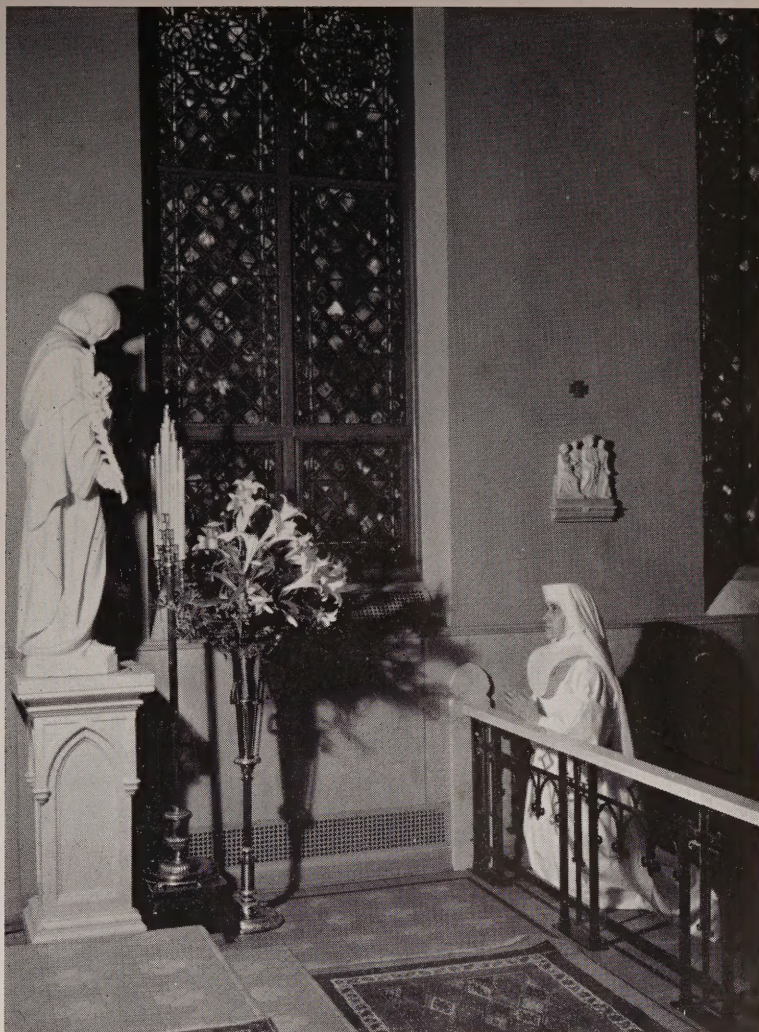
The theme of our treasured yearbook revolves around the life of a student nurse—not an unusual or spectacular subject to be sure, but one that is seldom dwelled upon by us. The production of this manuscript played a major role in the activities of all the senior students and was an excellent example of what can be accomplished through the sincere help of an entire class. We wanted it to be not only something by which we could remember with pleasure our last days here at St. Vincent's, but also something by which you Juniors, Freshmen and all others connected in any way with our student life would remember your many varied experiences.

We, Sr. Mary Norman, advisor, Joanne Pisoni and Evelyn Kantor, Editors, can only hope that we have guided the composite units of the '55 Vigil into the most enjoyable, treasured, and memory-laden script you have in your possession.

May God bless and always be with the members of our graduating class, our underclassmen, and our many advisors.

The Editors

Gratefully
Dedicated
To
Sister Mary Norman



We, the Senior Class of St. Vincent's School of Nursing, dedicate the 1955 Vigil to Sister Mary Norman, our class advisor, counselor and friend. By this dedication, we want to share our heart-felt appreciation though it could never suffice for the countless hours Sister so unselfishly contributed to our guidance. She was never too busy to share a happy incident, or listen to our troubles, no matter how trivial. Her sympathetic manner, gentleness, humility and sense of humor have endeared her to all. During the past three years she has been our inspirational model nurse. Our esteem for her has only heightened and each of us has found in her that most valuable of earthly possessions—a true friend!

Remember

'Twas September fifteenth in the year
"fifty-two"
When we entered nurses training—a life
completely new.
What lay before us, we didn't quite
know,
We felt small and unsure but "rarin' to
go."

First on classes and books and procedures
we drilled,
Then in March came our capping—the
first dream fulfilled.
Eight hour duty began in June;
The first night duty also
came soon.

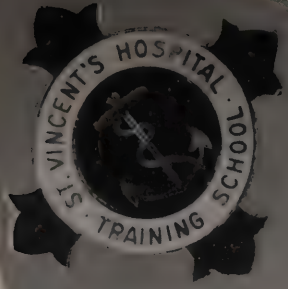
D. K. and O. R. and Central Supply,
Three months at Saint Francis—time
flying by.
More classes and tests are soon in the
past,
Our second year over—seniors at last!!

E. R., Maternity, Pediatrics too,
More general duty—soon we'll be
through.
Our last prom together—a wonderful
night,
Applications and plans—graduations in
sight!

As graduate nurses, we'll choose our own
way—
Travel, marriage, to go or stay.
Closer and closer—the great day nears,
But we'll remember forever three hard,
happy years.

Mary Ann Donalies

SENIORS



Here at St. Vincent's we have experienced



Senior Class Officers Directed a Busy Year

Back Row: R. Turner, Secretary; R. Palmerino, Treasurer; J. Burton, Student Treasurer; Patricia Slater, Vice President. Seated: C. Schwabenbauer, President.



Marilyn A. Bayline
"Tiny Face"

Easily flustered, velvety complexion, diminutive, sleepy time gal, thorough worker. "Oh, kids, what'll I ever do?"



Minnie J. Bonavita
"Min"

A small package of dynamite composed of feminine charm and endless ambition, expert dancer, our atomic redhead. "What a blast."

many incidents, both tangible and intangible



Sally A. Bova

"Sweet Sal"

Sticks to her own convictions, very understanding, sparkling eyes, sparkling diamond. Tucker's precious nurse.

Eugenia M. Budzinski

"Ginka"

Enjoys a good time, infectious giggle, sunny disposition, is that singing? Advocates a 5 hr. working day.



Joan M. Burton

"Joan"

With a mischievous smile and flirtatious eyes, strives for perfection, adds spice to life, chronic blusher, Miss Westlake Roller Rink of 1955.



the immeasurable amount of wealth we have gained . . .

Martha A. Clark

"Shay"

Laughing eyes, pleasant and unassuming, witty, willing worker, likes her crossword puzzles, more fun than a cartoon.



Mary A. D'Angelo

"Mary"

Stepped out of "Vogue," unhurried, with outside interests, black coffee diet, our own Martha Raye. Could write a thesis on men.



Mary Jane DeSanti

"Dee"

Pleasantly individualistic, reliable, "Knit one purl two," mischievous, breezy laughter, daily change of personality.



will show itself in the truly Mary-like nurse



Mary Ann Donalies

"Doggy"

Collector of stray animals, even tempered, violinist?? Intelligence plus, highly capable. Next goal: September wedding.

Geraldine L. Driscoll

"Geri"

Here's a perfect lady, unselfish, facial masquerade, congenial and unruffled disposition, original sense of humor.



Betty L. Franco

"Betty Lou"

Efficient and dependable, incessant babbling, owns 42 pr. ear rings, made history with six overnights. Like the good Lord, "Loves all men."



each one of us hope to be

Susan F. Freeman
"Sue"

Sweet and demure, at ease on a basketball court,
a few well chosen words, diligent nurse, still water
runs deep.



Joanne C. Gardner
"Jo"

Full of fun, bouncy, presents neat appearance,
co-operative, sweet Kentucky babe. Will marry
this September.



Lois A. Gatesman
"Lo"

A laughing blend of fun and confusion, doe eyes,
attractive, coy comedian, keeps the postman busy.



it has taken us these three years



Kathleen A. Gerbracht

"Kay"

Wealth of character, poise and leadership, oh that piccolo laughter, willing to exchange prep ring for something more engaging. "Semper Fidelis."

Geraldine C. Gibson

"Gibby"

A package of accomplishment in music, sports and arts, chronic giggleitis, camera kid, popcorn mischief behind locked doors.

Anne M. Grucza

"Anne"

Cool and collected, lovely to look at, Sweetheart of Sigma Chi, faithful advocate of retreats, our candidate for Miss Erie.



to fully realize our potentialities

Fay M. Guiler

"Fay"

Truest of friends, a way of doing everything well, quiet force behind basketball team. Pepsi Cola hits the spot.



Harriet A. Jones

"Jonsey"

Pleasing voice, continuous line of chatter, subtle wit, hidden talent for singing, "Hey kids I'm in love again!"



Audrey M. Jurcak

"Audrey"

Quiet exterior, unruffled, good co-worker, always constant, always sincere, nursing runs in the family, "Oh you kids!"



as a nurse and as an adult



Evelyn M. Kantor

"Ev"

Percolating with personality, sparkling essence of vivacity, athletically inclined, will change to publishing books. "Miss Es-o-phagus."

Rita M. Kartavich

"Rita"

Pleasantly individualistic, true in all that counts, her wit surprises even herself, part owner of the Hillcrest Theatre.

Sara M. Kessler

"Sara"

Night owl, even tempered and amiable, portrait of wide eyed innocence, has roving eyes, "Anybody going to town?"



ready to meet many unpredictable problems that will...

Joan T. Kinzig

"Hugo"

Provokingly calm, cool and collected, clear blue eyes, frolicky laughter, lashes that sweep, has a yen for unscheduled vacations.



Elizabeth L. Lagner

"Liz"

Energetic, spirit of generosity, good dancer, holy terror of third floor, "Food for the gods" her specialty, state of perpetual agitation.



Frances A. Layden

"Frannie"

A lover of mischief, uncommon common sense, saucy red head, has a liking for fat heads, makes delicious peanut butter fudge. "Anybody for a fag?"



invariably present themselves in our daily lives . . .



Rolanda A. Legler

"Ro"

Convincing orator, strawberry blond, third floor flyer, friendly, collector of perfume bottles, spicy wit, energetic, "Don't tell me!"

Evelyn E. Lukasiewicz

"Evelyn"

With a serene exterior, envied curley locks, our own Lily Pons, purposefulness of manner, silliest giggle, neatness plus.



Margaret A. McKenna

"Peg"

Soft spoken, loves parties, candid frankness, diligent organizer, "Anything I can borrow?", a threat to men, "4 Main here I come!"



We have yet one very important step to climb . . .

Helen D. Mickney
"Mick"

Natural curly raven locks, quiet reserved manner, speechless without her cute hand gestures, our prize farmer's daughter and prom queen.



Mary Lee Montgomery
"Muggs"

Runs own library, has outside interests, future Pittsburgh resident. Works well with others, lover of mischief and black coffee.



Mary E. Mosier
"Mary"

Subtle wit spoken with a straight face, endeared to all, Kersey's star citizen, willing assistance, Hillcrest fan.



... the attaining of our precious "R.N."



Roseanne Palmerino

"Roseanne"

Flaming red hair, loves a friendly argument, \$64 question—What's she knitting? Deep thinker, famous pout.

Joanne Pisoni

"Joan"

Entertaining personality, her forte-originality, unique sense of values, versatile, Miss Rip Van Winkle of St. V. H.



Eleanor G. Planeaux

"Eleanor"

Quiet spoken, effortless friendly manner, bowling fan, toasty brown color, diamonds are a girl's best friend.



Wherever we go . . .

Patricia A. Preshak

"Pat"

Unriled, of endless capability, has a yen for a good time, a whiz with embroidery, just loves Alaska. "Just another Polka."



Patricia A. Przepierski

"Pat"

Dedicated to chatter, smart dresser, never a dull moment, encyclopedia of jokes, beautiful brown waves.



Helene L. Ritter

"Tex"

Star debater, always dreaming of her prince charming, with a warm smile, "That noisy first floor!" "Bargains—where??"



we will take with us



Patricia A. Sandell

"Pat"

Unfailing determination, ready, willing and able, our beautiful May Queen, "Remember the Rustic Rambler—3 flat tires a day!"

Anne M. Schelinski

"Anne"

Loves to eat, amateur photographer, a true friend, takes to babies and babies take to her. Peaches and cream complexion.



Patricia J. Schloder

"Pat"

Full of life and dynamite—with a running spirit, charter member of the smoker, smooth dancer and always broke.



that simple and begging prayer

Carol J. Schwabenbauer

"Punk"

Of quiet strength and unfailing dependability, two years as capable class president, star basketball guard, of many talents.



Madeline M. Slater

"Mid"

She may look quiet but look again, gifted with a loyalty of heart, generosity unsurpassed, our attractive blond.



Patricia A. Slater

"Pat"

Jeweled personality, suggestive persuasion, "Hey you kids, who's that over there?" A nose for anyone's food, just plain crazy.



"O Lord I am about to begin



Margaret A. Smith

"Marg"

Frank and self-assured, loves children, weekly trailblazer to home front, chatters convincingly on any subject, plans a June wedding.

Margaret P. Somjai

"Marg"

Pert and pretty, soft elegance, conscientious worker, love that giggle, Kitty crazy, our donation to 3rd Main "Oh??"



Margaret M. Troppichini

"Marge"

Good times are her specialty, striking jet black hair, a laughing blend of fun and confusion, "And away we go!"



my day's work in the hospital . . .

Rita J. Turner

"Rita"

Perennial blusher, sleeps half her life away, silent bombshell, skeptical. Our little Miss Efficiency.



Patricia A. Weindorf

"Pat"

Always cheerful, hermit from the Peninsula, sweet and gentle, a squeaky squeaky voice, a very pleasant personality.



Geraldine Wheeler

"Gerry"

Trouble's favorite daughter, fast changing temperament, goldilocks, lonesome troubadour, collector of friends, "Jeepers."



teach me to serve the sick in Thy name."



Geraldine Zatkiewicz
"Geri"

An accomplished artist, always ready with a comeback, a petite package, gleaming eyes, "I'll play your silly game."

June L. Whitcher
"June"

Willing to do for others, last of the red heads, silliest giggle, exuberance plus, lover of knit socks, Mona Lisa.

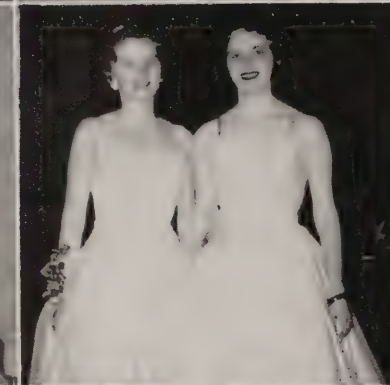


Helen T. Wood
"Jelly Bean"

Gracious, hearty laugh, surface of a bountiful heart, a true friend indeed, "say Aluminum, Helen," always full of fun.



SENIORS—*Sophistication Plus!*





School of Nursing and Hospital Personnel



School of Nursing Personnel



SISTER ROSE EVELYN

And when you've got a problem—Sister is always there.

Our Directress of Nursing

A really superior Directress of Nursing must command the respect of the student body and the professional personnel whom she directs. She must be a symbol of the ideals of sincere and humble worship of God. She must have an intelligent and realistic grasp of technical, practical, and social problems; and a continued effort for self-improvement. Most important, she must have a love of people—a love which fosters a desire to follow the good and lead others towards that goal.

In Sister Rose Evelyn we have found one who possesses these virtues and qualities. We shall always be grateful for her confidence in "her girls" and the inspiration she has given us, to live up to the high standards of a St. Vincent's Nurse.

Our Many Instructors

To introduce and acquaint us with the necessary technical knowledge required to be capable nurses and to make us to understand that acquiring that knowledge is only the beginning, are only a few of the many tasks carried out by our instructors. Our three years are made valid and meaningful and seem more rewarding as a result of their constant efforts.



Seated: G. Erickson, Mrs. M. Bove, Sr. Ramona, Sr. Eileen Marie, Sr. Mary Norman, Sr. Marie Clair, Sr. Rose Evelyn, Sr. Rose Frances, Sr. Mary Jude, Miss E. Messmer, Mrs. R. Adams, Mrs. W. Habes.
Standing: Mrs. T. Spadecini, Msgr. E. Latimer, Mrs. M. Kauffman. Absent: Fr. F. Gallagher, Miss R. Hess.

Hospital Personnel



Sr. Anna Marie, Superintendent and Sr. Rosemary

Words are difficult to find in attempting to express our gratitude to Sister Anna Marie, Administrator of our hospital and to Sister Rosemary, Assistant Administrator. Our difficulty lies in the fact that we have had very little contact, in a personal way, with our administrators. Yet, how forcefully we have felt their influence.

Could we not compare our administrators to the sun, defined as the luminous center of a system? Of course we could! The sun sends its light and heat to earth to maintain life and growth. The splendid prog-

ress and growth of our hospital is nourished by the light of the intellect and the warmth of love of the unselfish minds and hearts of our administrators. Yes, how very much these rays have penetrated our daily lives here at St. Vincent's.

It is our hope, Sisters, in leaving, that we may carry with us not only the qualifications of a registered nurse but more—that we may in a small way emanate these rays of love, kindness and goodness which you have made so much a part of us here at St. Vincent's.

Supervisors



Miss Meagher, Miss Becker, Miss Brugger

Through the experience and understanding of our Head Nurses and supervisors the students soon learn to apply and develop their basic skills and widen their knowledge in the field of nursing. Passing medications, giving baths and treatments are all done under the watchful eye of the head nurse in order to guide and mold the student into a responsible, considerable, efficient nurse. Any difficulty or problem is soon solved by contacting our supervisors. All which goes into preparing us for the future.

Our Supervisors Help Us to Apply The Nursing Principles



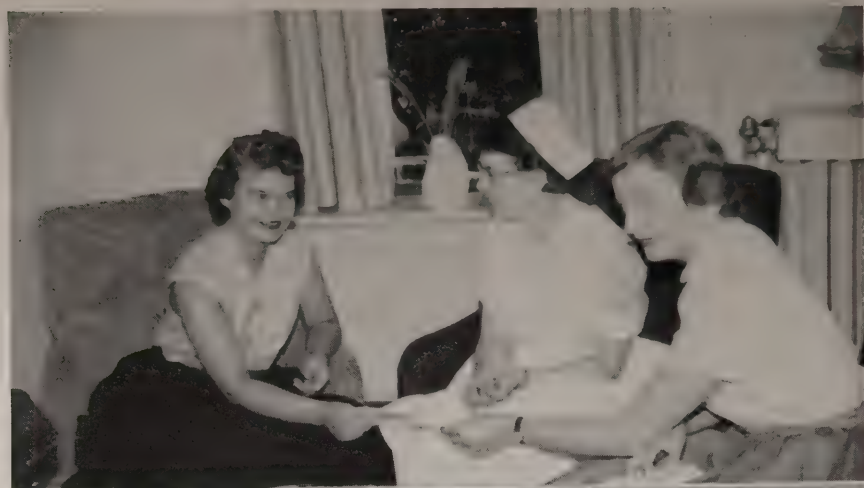
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JUNIORS



Junior Class Officers Plan the Prom

J. Farrell, President; N. Spaeder, Secretary; N. Garvey, Treasurer



Margaret Gonzales

Nancy Garvey

Shirley Yazvac



Zilla Baker

Geraldine Contrine

Helen Baron

Millicent Cook

Leah Berglund

Patricia Crescenzo

Gayle Branch

Josephine Cuzzola

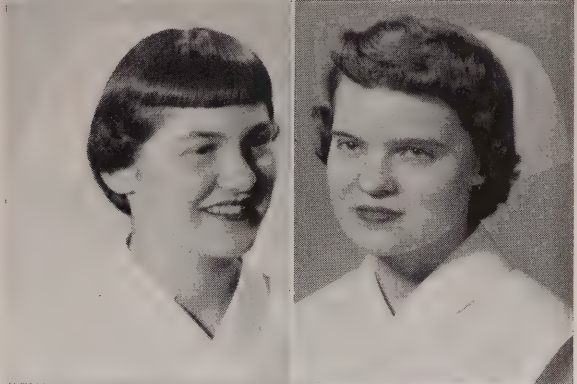
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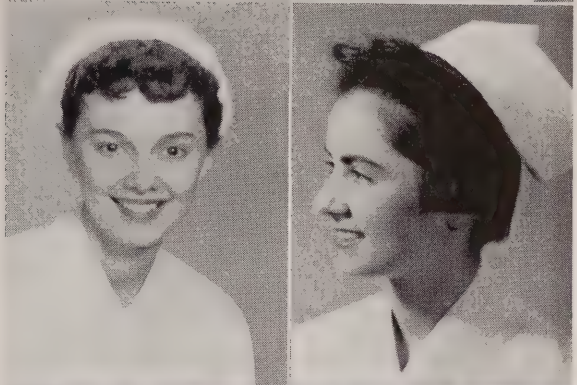
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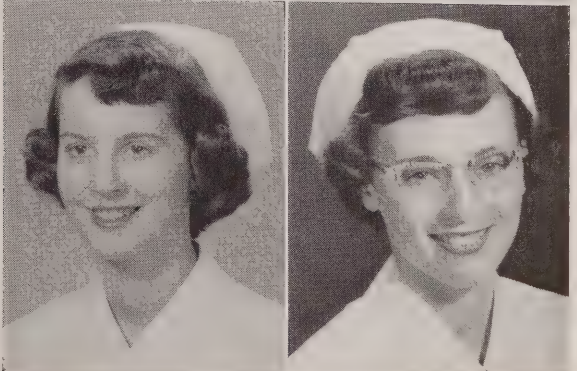
JANET GALLAGHER

NANCY GALLUP



MARILYN GALVIN

MICHELE HACHERL



To The Juniors



ELLEN HESSLEY

MARY ANN HOFFMAN



JEAN KEMPF

DELORES LANG



MARY MARGARET LEE

CARMEN McGAHEN



RITA McGONNELL

MARGARET McMAHON



JEAN McMANUS

FRANCES MALAK

from The Seniors . . .

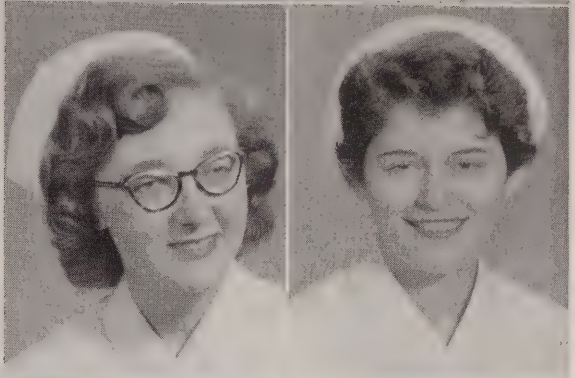
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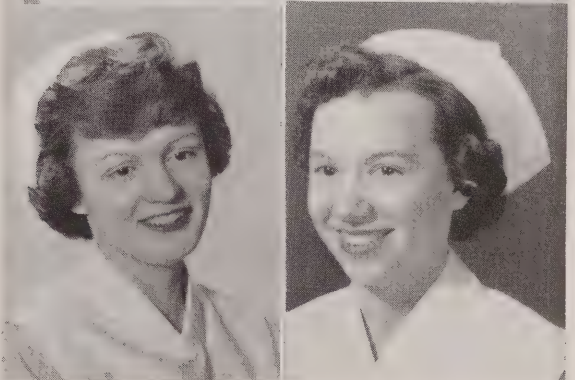
SEVERIA SERACE

LILLIAN WATTSJER



JEAN WHITE

ELSIE WISSINGER



Good Luck and



MARY ELLEN
MARCINOWSKI

CECILIA MOLINARO



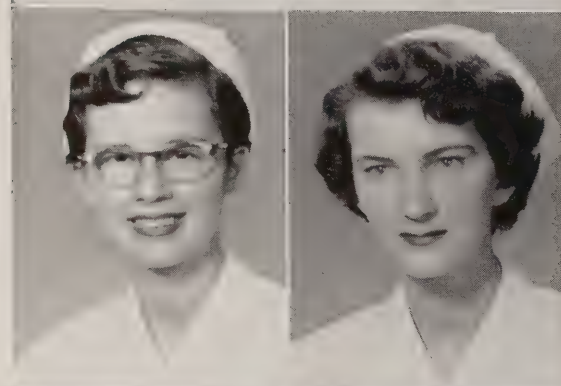
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CAROL NICHOLS



JANET PEDERSEN

DELORES PRECHTEL



JOANNE RADASEVICH

PAULINE RADASEVICH



DELORES RADOMSKI

KATHRYN RUPPRECHT

God Be With You

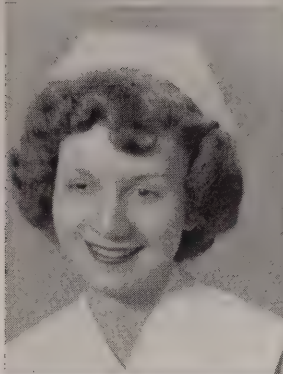
ALVERA CHIESA

ETHEL ERICH



DELORES LUTZ

SHIRLEY LYONS



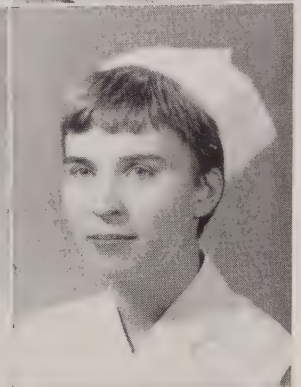
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CATHERINE MILLER



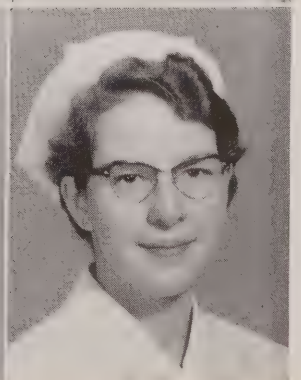
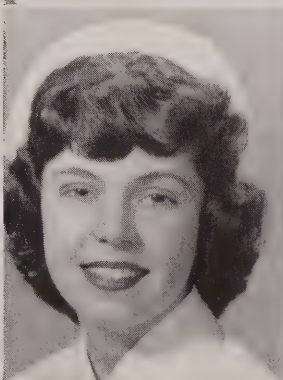
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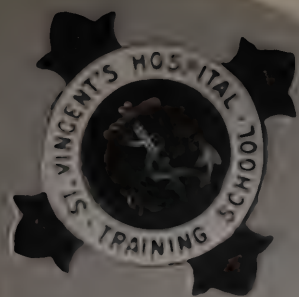
CAROL POWLEY

NANCY SPAEDER



JUNIORS—*Middle Muddle*





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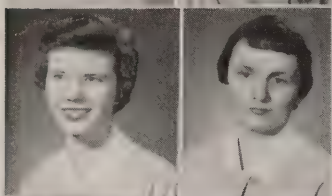




A. Bovee	M. R. Benigni	P. Beichner	C. Barto	S. Agar
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R. Florek
J. Galvin



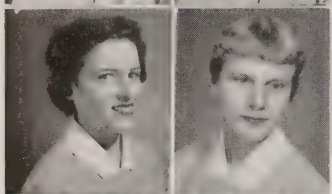
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R. Gilmore



A. Gorka
J. Hageman



M. Hauser
J. Heberlein



P. Hillman
T. Holtzhauser



M. Hubauer
J. Hubert



C. Hummel
M. King



P. McDonald
F. Mong

(Upper Outer Quadrant)

M. Euliano	D. Conley
M. Farrell	A. Delgado



Freshmen Class Officers prepare for Christmas.
F. Mong, President; N. Schwab, Treasurer; N. Wernet, Secretary; S. Vallely, Vice President.



B. Montross A. Moroco E. Neiderriter K. O'Conner E. Pontzer K. Rice
D. Cunningham E. Nones M. Pasquerette S. Regotti M. Roach

(Upper Outer Quadrant)

N. Schwab J. Runzo
R. Schwakoff R. Rupprecht

P. Seither
M. Shade

T. Seiwick
S. Smith

N. Steiner
G. Trambley

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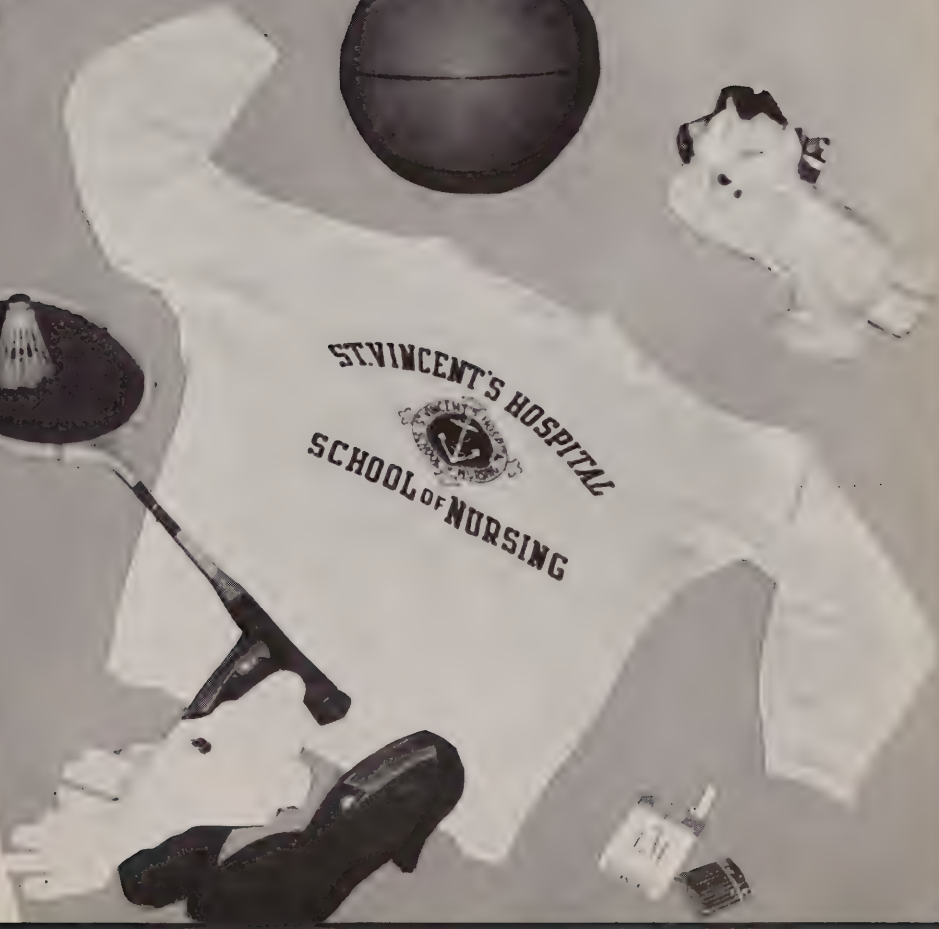
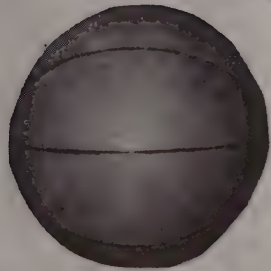
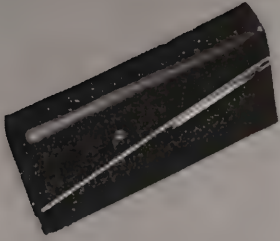
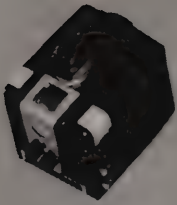
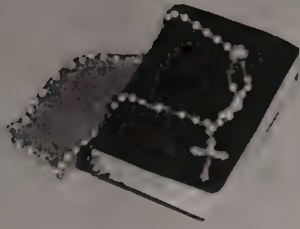


FRESHMEN

PROBIES—*Senseless Folly*



ACTIVITIES



Back Row: G. Zatkiewicz, J. Pisoni, T. Wasniki, M. Galvin, C. Schwabenbauer, S. Bova.
Seated: G. Driscoll, F. Mong, J. Hagerman, J. Hesley, K. Gerbracht, M. Bonavita, J. Burton, E. Kantor.



Student Council

Student Council is the representative governing body of the Student Organization of the nursing school. Through regular meetings with their advisor, council managed to introduce new ideas for the benefit of the students and school.

Members attended meetings in other cities and sponsored popular projects throughout the year. Council strives to quicken the sense of responsibility among the students that they may have an appreciation of the high ideals of the profession.

Sodality

My Mother, my Confidence; the chosen inspiration of the Sodality of Our Lady, has proven of special indulgence to us especially this year.

The most outstanding projects of this past year were our contributions to a Parochial School in Cuba, a canned foods collection for needy families at Christmas and the annual May Crowning.

The Sodality here at St. Vincent's, though young in experience, has shown itself to be an important influence upon its members material as well as spiritual lives.

Vigil

"All right, smile! Hold it" . . . "Write that article" . . . "Did you get your patrons?" . . . These are a few of the phrases overheard as you pass the members of the Vigil Staff. Among the many activities of compiling a yearbook are photography, discussion concerning the contents and appearance, planning and layout, organizing page material, proof reading, writing and typing articles, and becoming acquainted with book construction.

Entirely new to most of us, it was an experience in co-operation and teamwork which will not be forgotten.

Bandage Scissors

Each year St. Vincent's has a helper of fun, spirit, and closeness through the Bandage Scissors. Our Bandage Scissors is composed and edited by members of each class with help and co-operation of hospital personnel.

Editions are issued six times a year and sold to all.

We are happy and proud to carry on this old tradition of communication to all involved with in our hospital block.

Standing: P. Slater, G. Gibson, J. Pisoni and E. Kantor, Co-Editors; M. Troppichini, E. Lagner.

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Choir

"Holy God We Praise Thy Name." Certainly this year our choir is a feather in the St. Vincent's Nurses Cap. In addition to the week day Requiem Masses under Sister Mary Sara's direction, the impressive special Masses for Christmas, Easter, and Forty Hours were considered a job well done.

Members of the choir are from all three classes and although the membership is small the work of their never-tiring directress contributed to their successful year.

Glee Club

Under the direction of Sister Mary Norman the Glee Club was formed in September by the members of the class of 1957. Practices are held Thursday mornings in the auditorium with 35 girls in attendance. The Glee Club has sung at the Alumni Christmas Party, Alumni Communion Breakfast, Hospital Auxiliary Christmas Party, and at Capping Exercises. Miss Roberta Rupprecht is the accompanist.

Their singing was highly commended at all the programs in which they participated.



Basketball

Through the efforts of our directress, Sr. Rose Evelyn, St. Vincent's Nurses had the privilege to participate in the Girls City Recreation Basketball League composed of seven teams.

Our team proved their ability by improving last year's standing and copping second place.

Before the season, the students practiced once a week on their own time. Their schedules are arranged by the supervisors enabling them to participate in the weekly games. Miss D. Connolly gave her time to coach and transport the team.

Library

The newly organized library club is working for greater student participation. Through the efforts of Miss Hess many have realized the great opportunities it offers. Members truly have the key to success, that is, to the library. A treasury of information is made available to students in the library by this organization. Who can turn down its offering of late permissions in exchange for vital knowledge? Be wise—



Somewhere in the dusk

The mail comes through



Hey, kids, wait for me



Oh, we'd love to go skating

Gab fest in the shower room

What did I do now?

And away we go!



Around The



"POPS"
Our beloved elevator man



The only way out!
Prom night portrait.



Our Egyptian Halloween—dyed mops galore!

Nurses' Home



St. V's open doors!



The white walls of St. Francis—remember?

St. F's tombstones—homesick student!





House mothers Miss B. Keller, Mrs. E. Owens, Mrs. C. Ragen.



Miss Jean Slupski is our efficient, smiling secretary.

MEDITATION AND PRAYER AT SACRED HEART MISSION MANOR RETREAT HOUSE

"What doth it profit a man if he gain the whole world, and suffer the loss of his own soul." MATT. 16. V, 26.



Back Row: M. Mosier, S. Freeman, F. Layden, A. Grucza, J. Burton. Fourth Row: R. Kartavich, R. Palmerino, M. Montgomery, S. Kessler, R. Legler. Third Row: E. Kantor, J. Pisoni, S. Bova, H. Wood, P. Sandell. Second Row: R. Turner, M. Troppichini, M. Slater, G. Driscoll, M. Smith, E. Planeaux. First Row: Fr. Lawrence Lovasik, P. Weindorf, F. Guiler, P. Slater, B. Franco, M. Bayline, M. Bonavita.

Christmas Time in the Nurses' Home!



In the crowded gym we all sang carols, exchanged gifts—and ate!

For many days preceding the Christmas Holidays, the students bustled around decorating our Nurses' Home to the fullest of holiday cheer. Christmas preparation is the main activity of the year for the Freshman class and the entire building is ringing with anticipation for the coming party. A beautiful manger scene predominates the long hallway and is an inspiring reminder that we will soon be celebrating our King's Birthday.



Seniors—remember our play?



Santa wishes Sr. Rose Evelyn a Merry Christmas.



The Freshmen presented "The Littlest Angel" along with a wonderful talent show.



A Tribute to Our Parents

. . . . Dear Lord, as I kneel here in the solitude of this chapel
. . . . I meditate on the many favors you've granted me, the
greatest of which is my parents They were the ones who
encouraged me to commence my chosen profession of nursing
. . . . Many discouraging days were encountered during these
past three years But with their loving and guiding hands,
the little heartbreaks were alleviated and seemed like trivial
matters when everything seemed down and out, and the
whole world seemed to be against me I could always turn
to them, and shower them with my troubles yes
they were always there, willing to listen and encourage me not
to give up It is their confidence in my ability that carried
me steadily toward my goal I thank you, Dear Parents,
with an overflowing heart May our Heavenly Queen
shower you with the choicest blessings of Her SON upon
the two most wonderful people in the world Mother
and Dad.

O, Mary We Crown Thee...



Top Row: Ethel Erich, Joanne Pisoni, Patricia Sandell Queen; Sally Bova, Alvera Chiesa. Bottom Row: Elizabeth Pontzer, Kim Bradly, crown bearer, Judith Hubert.

Our Crowned Queen And Her Earthly Court

A beautiful May Crowning was the highlight of the new Sodality activities for this year. The presence of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, hymns and a living rosary together made a solemn and impressive ceremony. Our gracious Sodality prefect, Patricia Sandell, placed the flowers on Mary's brow as an expression of love from all the students.



The presence of the Blessed Sacrament glorified the crowning.



Our Blessed Lady is crowned Queen of the May.

After Six Months We Received Our Precious White Caps



Pictured above are members of the class of '55 on their Capping Day.

4th Row: M. D'Angelo, M. Slater, P. Preshak, M. Mosier, M. Smith, G. Zatkiewicz, A. Shlinski, R. Palmarino, L. Kinopa, F. Guiler, R. Kartavich, S. Albright, G. Mariella, E. Lukasiewicz, M. Troppichini, R. Turner, M. Somjai. 3rd Row: S. Freeman, P. Hockstrasser, J. Kinzig, F. Layden, P. Pzerperski, E. Budzinski, L. Gatesman, R. Legler, S. Bova, H. Ritter, H. Wood, C. Schwabenbauer. 2nd Row: E. Kantor, M. Bonavita, B. Franco, P. Schloder, J. Gardner, M. Bayline, E. Lagner, M. Donalies, P. Slater, G. Gibson, P. Weindorf, H. Mickney, A. Jurcak, G. Driscoll. 1st Row: G. Wheeler, J. Burton, J. Witcher, M. De Santi, M. Montgomery, M. O'Camp, K. Gerbracht, A. Gruzca, J. Pisoni, S. Kessler, M. McKenna, M. Barney, E. Planeaux.



With the lighting of our lamps and the placing of our caps we accepted the responsibilities of the Nightingale pledge.



All for Baby



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Who Ordered The Salads?

T.L.C. PRN

Don't Bring It Back At 5 to 11!



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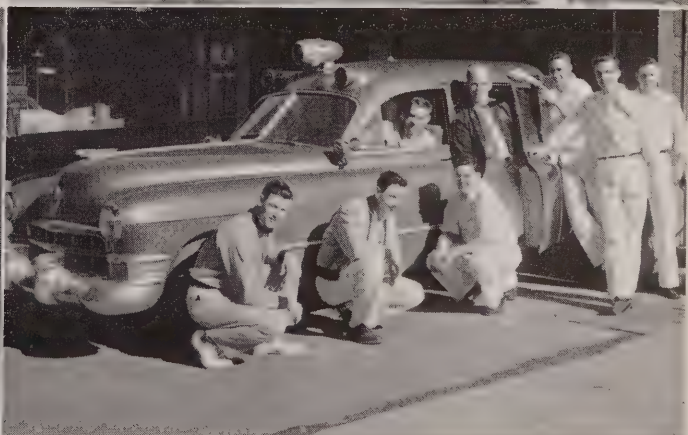
Hospital

Hemosurvey, Bacteriology, Pathology—



Ambulance Drivers and Orderlies—the “22” crew.

Frank, from X-Ray





"In the Mood" was the name of our Senior prom and everyone there carried through the theme. All relaxed and enjoyed themselves in the pleasant surroundings of the East Erie Turners Club. Highlight of the evening was the crowning of our lovely Queen, Helen Mickney, and her escort, John Mangus. Time passed too quickly for all, even though the seniors made history with their 2 A.M. permissions.

To the Class of 1955

How far away graduation day seemed to be when you entered our school of nursing three years ago to form the Class of 1955. On that day in September, 1952, when you began the study of nursing, you were happy and at the same time, sad and fearful. Happy in the knowledge that your dreams of becoming a nurse were about to become a reality; sad, because you were leaving a home and the protection of your loved ones to reside among strangers; and fearful, because of all you had been told about the sacrifices nurses have to make.

The three years that you then anticipated with so many misgivings have now passed. As you look back over them you realize that you were happy during those years in spite of the fact that there were times when you became discouraged and thought that you could not go on. You found friends among those strangers of three years ago, real friends, who will be dear to you as long as you live; and the regulations of which you were so fearful have helped you to develop a spirit of charity and self-sacrifice which is so essential for success and happiness in your work.

As students in Saint Vincent's School of Nursing you were sincere in your efforts to uphold the standards of your school and of your profession; and you were equally sincere in the service of your Master. Not only have you imitated Him in that very special way which is your privilege, the care of the sick; but you have likewise shown your love for Him by daily attendance at Mass and the frequent reception of the Sacraments.

Once more you stand on the threshold of a new undertaking, and once more you are experiencing emotions of happiness, of sorrow, and of fear. Happiness in the satisfaction of a job well done and the attainment of your goal to become a nurse; sorrow, because once again you must break away from loved ones; and fear, because of the uncertainties of the new and more independent manner of living you are now facing.

Some of you will continue with your studies, while others will choose to practice their profession in one of the many specialties available to nurses. Some will remain in Erie and others will be called to serve in distant lands. Some will, no doubt, make a career of nursing; others will, sooner or later, forsake the nursing profession to become wives and mothers; and still others, I hope, to become spouses of Christ. Success and happiness, however, do not depend so much on where you are or what you are doing as on your willingness to serve. You were happy the past three years because of the service you were rendering to God and to His sick. Your happiness in the future will be in proportion to the service you render in the spirit of true Christian charity.

My prayer for you, as you leave Saint Vincent's School of Nursing, is that you will bring the blessing of God on your work by serving as faithfully in the future as you have served in the past.

Sister Rose Evelyn

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